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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

APPLICANT: David R. Nelson GROUP: 1645
SERIAL NO: 10/780,347 EXAMINER: Graser, Jennifer
FILED: February 17, 2004
FOR: LIVE, AVIRULENT STRAIN OF *V. ANGUILLARUM* THAT
PROTECTS FISH AGAINST INFECTION BY VIRULENT
V. ANGUILLARUM AND METHOD FOR MAKING THE
SAME

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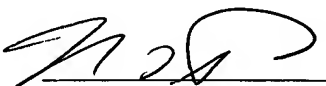
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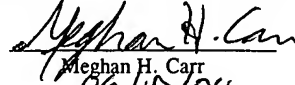
In response to the Restriction Requirement of May 26, 2004, Applicant elects Group II,
Claims 3-28, drawn to a mutant strain of *V.anguillarum*, vaccines comprising said strain and
immunization methods utilizing said strain, classified in class 424, subclass 234.1.

Examination on the merits is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,


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